



## Philosophy of Missions and Short-Term Trips at Vista

At Vista, we are committed to the truth that every Christian Church is to be a *missional* Church. One of the strongest Biblical themes that can be identified is that when human beings are as they should be, they join God in what He is doing. We are also able to identify through Scripture that the Church is God's chosen vessel for bringing about His kingdom here on earth. For this reason, our goal in missions is to partner with the people of God, doing the work of God, in the way of God. We want to reach more and reach further – on mission to make disciples and share the good news of Jesus!

While a mission trip at Vista may be short-term, the partnerships themselves are long term. In this way we hope to maximize the impact of our efforts for God's Kingdom. Many of our partnerships have grown out of long-term relationships with other churches and church leaders. We strive to learn a great deal from those we serve, while leveraging the gifts that God has given us for the good of those around us. Short-term mission trips at Vista are a discipleship tool and a chance to grow and transform in the truth of God while advancing the edge of the Gospel outward.

### High School Trip (July 21 - 27, 2019) ~ Led by the Proctor Family

Join together in community with other High School students as they travel to the Appalachian region to invest and grow the Kingdom of God! This has become an annual trip for our High School students over the past few years and has been a tremendous blessing to us at Vista and for those being served! Our team will be working to bring hope and order amidst the chaos that life can bring. They will leave their homes for the week and leverage time and effort as they seek to make a home for others in need. Join this team as they join God in bringing Heaven more fully to bear on earth! Our High Schoolers will serve in Kentucky (exact location TBD).

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### Cambodia I (July 31 to August 10) ~ Led by Heather Eschbach

The Mission of God (Missio Dei) is to make all things right. There is much work to be done and God has given us the privilege of joining in with Him as He does it. For Vista Community Church it has been our privilege to say yes to God in the area of Orphan care. For over ten years we have been entrusted with financial and relational care for a home full of God's children outside Phnom Penh, Cambodia. This trip will focus on our relationship with those kids and join in with them in doing ministry in some of the Hard Places of Phnom Penh. It is a great encouragement to the kids that we have cared for over the years for us to visit them and it is a great encouragement to us to see them grow and draw near to the Lord. One of the greatest privileges our teams experience is to see God's heart on display in orphan care and to learn from the faithful service and wisdom of our partners in Cambodia.

## **Kenya (Mid/Late August) ~ Led by Mike & Tammy Smith**

God is restoring relationships. God uses relationships to restore. It has been the privilege of Vista to have many restorative relationships and partnerships in Columbus and around the World. One such relationship is with Restoration Revival Churches in Western Kenya. These churches have done much to disciple God's people and advance God's kingdom in Kenya. This trip will travel to Bungoma, Kenya and participate in a pastoral and leadership conference to help equip the leaders of dozens of churches as they press the edge of the gospel outward. Our team will contribute to the launching of a new church and join in the celebration of God's people as they participate in bringing God's Kingdom more fully to earth. Of course, our team will also have the privilege of learning from the wisdom of the faithful Christians serving God in Western Kenya with Restoration Revival Churches.

## **Cambodia II (September) ~ Led by Brian Webb and Justin Bradshaw**

It has been our privilege to partner with and support New Life Church in Cambodia as they plant churches and disciple leaders all over their country! This trip will focus on our relationship with the leaders of New Life Church in Chbar Mon. They will help to disciple and develop the young leaders of the Church and help them in their efforts to reach the community around them for Christ. This team will have the privilege of learning from faithful followers of Christ and national leaders of the Christian Church in Cambodia. Pastor Sary and his team have demonstrated God's heart for the lost as they reach new believers and a new generation of Cambodians for the Kingdom. This trip will likely be between seven and ten days.

## **India (November) ~ In Partnership with Scarlet City Church**

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